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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 8 December 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

11 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m.	66th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the second annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/52/582) [50].

2. Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/343 and Add.1) [35].

3. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [45]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/344, A/52/554);

   (b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/52/330);

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.19/Rev.1, A/52/L.31).

Open-ended informal consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157
(United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

3 p.m. Conference Room 5

Continuation of the informal consultations on the draft proposal under item 157 conducted by H.E. Mr. Legwaila Joseph Legwaila (Botswana) and H.E. Mr. John Campbell (Ireland).

Informal consultations

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and all its sub-items conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-4 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.8 (item 95 (d)); and A/C.2/52/L.13 (item 96 (b))

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations of the Chairman of the Second Committee on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.4 and L.48 (item 95 (a)); A/C.2/52/L.8 (item 95 (d)); A/C.2/52.L.11/Rev.1 (item 97 (a)); A/C.2/52/L.16 and L.40 (item 96 (a)); A/C.2/52/L.17/Rev.1 (item 97 (g)); and A/C.2/52/L.31 and L.49 (item 97 (h))

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 135 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/51/976, A/52/520, A/52/696, A/C.5/52/4 and Corr.1)) and 137 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/52/30, A/52/520, A/52/697 and A/C.5/52/13 and Corr.1))

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116] (A/52/7/Add.1 and Add.3, A/52/16/Add.1, A/51/950 and Corr.1 (Arabic only) and Add.1-6, A/52/303, A/C.5/52/20 and A/C.5/52/27)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Admission of the International Seabed Authority to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund [160] (A/52/233 and Add.1, A/C.5/52/1/Add.2 and A/C.5/52/26)

   Introduction and general discussion

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.- 12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

WORKING GROUP ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS

9.30 a.m.- 12 noon	open meeting	Conference Room 1

INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE PROSECUTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

12 noon- 1 p.m.	open meeting	Conference Room 1

WORKING GROUP ON DEFINITION OF WAR CRIMES

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	open meeting	Conference Room 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 8 December 1997

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(on the proposed programme budget)

1.30 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
. (on draft proposals A/C.2/52/L.8 and L.13 and ali outstanding matters)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
(on the scale of assessments)

6.15 p.m.- 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

ORIENTATION COURSE ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Informal consultations

Informal open-ended consultations, to be moderated by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on the issue of involvement of non-governmental organizations in the work of the United Nations will take place on Monday, 8 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 4 December 1997, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place *at 1.15 p.m. or upon completion of the Council's deliberations*, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 9 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 67th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament obligations: report of the First Committee (A/52/591) [62].

2. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification: report of the First Committee (A/52/592) [63].

3. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/52/593) [64].

4. Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/52/594) [65].

5. The role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/52/595) [66].

6. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/52/596) [67].

7. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia: report of the First Committee (A/52/597) [68].

8. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/52/598) [69].

9. Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/52/599) [70].

10. General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/52/600) [71].

11. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/52/601) [72].

12. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/52/602) [73].

13. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/52/603) [74].

14. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/52/604) [75].

15. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/52/605) [76].

16. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/52/606) [77].

17. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/52/607) [78].

18. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/52/608) [79].

19. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/52/609) [80].

20. Maintenance of international security: report of the First Committee (A/52/610) [81].

21. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security: report of the First Committee (A/52/611) [82].

22. Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee: report of the First Committee (A/52/612) [83].

3 p.m. 68th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Question of Palestine [36] :

   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/52/35);

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/581);

   (c) Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/52/571).

   (d) Letter from Namibia (A/52/704);

   (e) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.49, L.50. L.51, L.52 and Corr.1, L.53/Rev.1).

   (f) Amendment (A/52/L.59).

2. The situation in the Middle East [37]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/467, A/52/581);

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.54, L.55, L.62);

   (c) Amendments (A/52/L.63).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	50th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 38th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1997

Consultations will take place under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Gerhard Walter Henze (Germany) on Wednesday, 10 December, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on the selection of themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of 1998, as well as a principal theme or themes for consideration at the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment of the substantive session of 1998 (E/1997/91, E/1997/92 and Add.1).

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COMMISSION ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

There will be briefing by the Chairman of the Commission for Social Development on the preparations for the next session of the Commission on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The first regular session 1998 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 19 to 23 January 1998 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1998/L.1.

Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than 12 January 1998.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1998* on Monday, 15 December 1997, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 164th (closed) meeting* of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait will be held on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The provisional agenda will be circulated soon.

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members, the Chairman will give an briefing to the press in the Press Room.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Training seminar

The Microeconomic and Social Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will organize a Training Seminar on the subject "Globalization and Taxation". The Seminar will be conducted by Prof. Altshuler (Columbia University/Rutgers University) on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B. Interested staff members are invited to attend.

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Presentation

Mr. John Vereker, Permanent Under Secretary at the British Government Department for International Development (DFID), will give a presentation on the British Government's White Paper "Eliminating World Poverty: A Challenge for the 21st Century" on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting will be presided by H.E. Mr. Stephen Gomerall, Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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Press Conference

The United Nations Development Programme will release a new discussion paper entitled, "Valuing Our Future: Cost- Benefit Analysis and Sustainability", at a press conference on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, at 1 p.m. in the Hank Shannon Conference Room (DC1 - 21st floor). The author, Geoffrey Heal, Professor of Economics and Finance at Columbia University, Mr. Kenneth Ruffing, Officer-in-charge, Economics and Finance Branch, DESA, and Mr. David Roodman, Senior Researcher at Worldwatch Institute will present comments. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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Informal meeting

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold an ad hoc expert group meeting on "Groundwater Management Perspectives: the distribution of environmental and socio-economic factors and the search for sustainable groundwater management" on Thursday, 11 December 1997, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room B. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Briefings

An open informal briefing on the United Nations Stand-by-Forces High Readiness Brigade (SHIRBRIG) for Permanent Representatives, peacekeeping experts and military advisers will be held on Tuesday, 9 December 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting will be chaired by the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jorgen Bøjer. The briefing will be followed by a question-and-answer period.

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A high-level briefing on the UNDP Trust Fund Project "Reintegration Support Scheme for Demobilized Soldiers in Mozambique" will take place on Thursday 11 December 1997, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., in Conference Room 8. The briefing, to be chaired by UNDP Administrator, will be on the conclusions, recommendations and "lessons learnt" from this project. It will be made to the Permanent Representatives of the donors and other Governments directly concerned. Other interested delegates, United Nations officials and non-governmental organizations may also attend.

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The Executive Director of the World Food Programme will give a briefing on "El Niño's potential impact on food security" and on "The World Food Programme Task Force set up to enable a rapid response to food emergency situations" on Monday, 15 December 1997, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 4 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

63rd plenary meeting

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

(a) Draft resolution (A/52/L.7);

(b) Amendment (A/52/L.47)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 59.

Statements were made by the representatives of Swaziland, China, Egypt (on behalf of the Non-aligned Movement), Nigeria, Ukraine, Sweden (also on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway), Pakistan, Argentina, Japan, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic, Canada, Turkey, Malaysia, the United States, Colombia, Spain, Malta, Lithuania, Latvia, Slovenia, San Marino, Fiji, Belgium, Viet Nam, El Salvador, Paraguay and Portugal.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that the consideration of agenda item 41 (Assistance in mine clearance), originally scheduled for Tuesday, 9 December, was postponed to a later date to be announced.

Friday, 5 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

64th plenary meeting

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

(a) Draft resolution (A/52/L.7);

(b) Amendment (A/52/L.47)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 59.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, Zimbabwe, New Zealand, Poland, Cuba, Ireland, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Russian Federation, Zambia, Iraq, Guyana, France, the Sudan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, Kuwait, Belarus, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Namibia, Ghana, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Sri Lanka.

65th plenary meeting

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]:

(a) Draft resolution (A/52/L.7)

(b) Amendment (A/52/L.47)

Statements were made by the representatives of Namibia, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Philippines, Kyrgyzstan, Angola, Liberia, Peru, Australia and the United Arab Emirates.

The President made a statement in the course of which he informed members that agenda item 59 would be kept open during the fifty-second session of the General Assembly for further consideration and reconfirmed his intention to begin substantive deliberations of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council in the second half of January 1998.

Programme of work

The General Assembly will consider the reports of the Main Committees as follows:

First Committee: Tuesday, 9 December, in the morning;

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee): Wednesday, 10 December, in the afternoon;

Third Committee: Friday, 12 December, in the afternoon; and

Sixth Committee: Monday, 15 December, in the afternoon.

The reports of the Second and the Fifth Committee will be taken up at a later date to be announced.

On Wednesday, 10 December, in the afternoon the Assembly will also consider agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 48th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(b) Trade and development

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.24/Rev.1

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.24 and drew the Committee's attention to draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.24/Rev.1. He also informed the Committee that Mexico had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States informed the Committee that his delegation had also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.26 and L.39

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.39.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.26 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

(c) Science and technology for development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.3 and L.47

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.47.

The representatives of Iran (Islamic Republic of) and Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), corrected the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.3 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 95 (c).

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97]

(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.12 and L.38

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria), introduced and corrected the French text of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.38.

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement of programme budget implications on the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L12 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 97 (b).

(f) First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.27/Rev.1

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The representative of Bangladesh informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.27 and drew the Committee's attention to draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.27/Rev.1, which he corrected. He also informed the Committee that Lesotho and Nepal had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 97 (f).

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.2, L.2/Rev.1 and L.51

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), introduced and corrected draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.51.

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement of programme budget implications on the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, Luxembourg, the Sudan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally corrected.

The representative of India made a statement.

Draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.2 and L.2/Rev.1 were consequently withdrawn by the sponsors.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.3 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 95 (c).

49th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [95]

(c) Population and development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.15 and L.43 (Programme budget implications in document A/C.2/52/L.50)

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to document A/C.2/52/L.50 which contained a statement of programme budget implications on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.43.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.43, submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.15.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.15 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 97 (c).

Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research [100]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.32 and L.52

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.52, submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.32.

The representative of Pakistan orally corrected the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.32 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 100.

The Chairman suspended the meeting.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97]

(e) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/52/L.18 and L.53

On the resumption of the meeting the Committee resumed consideration of item 97 (e).

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria), introduced and corrected draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.53, submitted by him in the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.18.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.18 was consequently withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee then adopted resolutions 16/1 and 16/2 as contained in document A/52/8.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 97 (e).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Seventeenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 5 DECEMBER 1997

54th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued and concluded, in private meeting, its consideration of the second periodic report of Luxembourg (E/1990/6/Add.9) and the second periodic report of the Uruguay (E/1994/6/Add.10).

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item and adopted various decisions

Annual report to the Economic and Social Council [9]

The Committee adopted, in an open meeting, its annual report to the Economic and Social Council.

Closure of the session

The Chairman declared closed the seventeenth session of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 September 1996

Signature: Cook Islands (5 December 1997)

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, concluded at Oslo on 18 September 1997

Signature: Angola, Argentina, Brunei Darussalam, Cape Verde, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Holy See, Iceland, Indonesia, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malta, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Nicaragua, Niger, Panama, Poland, Qatar, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Vanuatu and Yemen (4 December 1997)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibition entitled "At Home in Palestine," in commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibition will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Sunday, 7 December 1997.

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Human Rights Day
(10 December)

Human Rights Day on 10 December will be observed with a special programme to launch the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948-1998). Opening remarks will be given by Mr. Hennadiy Udovenko, President of the General Assembly. The event will feature Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton, First Lady of the United States, as the first keynote speaker. Dr. Nafis Sadik, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, will give the second keynote address. The message of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will be read by Dr. Purificación Quisumbing, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Other speakers will include Mr. Philip Alston, Chairman of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; Mr. Wole Soyinka, Nobel Prize Laureate for Literature; H.E. Mr. Karmalesh Sharma, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations; and Mr. Olara Otunnu, Special Represent-ative of the Secretary-General on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children. The programme, organized by the Department of Public Information, will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

Roundtable

In conjunction with the observance of Human Rights Day and the launch of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a two-day International Journalists Roundtable on Human Rights will take place on 8 and 9 December 1997 in Conference Room 6. The Roundtable, organized by the Department of Public Information, is open to media representatives only. The Roundtable will open on Monday, 8 December, at 10 a.m. The keynote speaker will be Mr. Fareed Zakaria, Managing Editor of *Foreign Affairs*. Four half-day panel discussions will then cover various human rights issues.

Following the opening on Monday, the first panel will consider "The Media in Human Rights". The second panel on "Human Rights in Action" will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. On Tuesday, 9 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the third panel will address the issue of "The Right to Development". The fourth panel on "Children's rights and Women's Rights" will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact the Develop-ment and Human Rights Section, the Department of Public Information (tel.: 963-1786 or 963-3771).

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International Day of Disabled Persons

Exhibition

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Department for Public Information and the Very Special Arts organization, affiliated with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Washington, D.C.), will present an exhibition entitled "A Very Special Arts Exhibit". The exhibition will continue until 5 January 1998 in the First Basement of the General Assembly Building (at the "Viennese Cafe").

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Liberia
H.E. Mr. William Bull

Asian States:
Viet Nam
H.E. Mr. Ngo Quang Xuan

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Muhamed Sacirbey

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Argentina
H.E. Mr. Fernando Enrique Petrella

Western European and Other States:
Monaco
H.E. Mr. Jacques Louis Boisson

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